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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Klaus J. Bach on 11/05/2009.

In amended claim 1 dated 4/20/09, add the following changes:

In line 8, and after the word "another', add the phrase--flat along the walls of the reactor--

In line 9, delete the phrase "electrode groups consisting each of at least one"

In line 10, delete the word "electrode" and replace it with--electrodes--

In line 11, delete the word "on", and replace it with the phrase--flat along the walls of the reactor and--

In line 15, delete the syllabus "a" and replace it with--the--

In line 16, delete the phrase "electrode group" and replace it with--electrodes--

In line 18, delete the phrase "electrode group" and replace it with--electrodes--

In line 19, and after the word "with", add the word--the--

In line 19, delete the phrase “electrode groups” and replace it with--electrodes--

In line 19, delete the word “such” and replace it with--so--

In line 20, delete the word “axes” and replace it with--lines--

In line 21, delete the word “group”

In line 26, delete the word “an” and replace it with--any high voltage--

In line 26, delete the word “group”

In line 34, delete the word "wall" and replace it with--walls of the process material—

Cancel claims 4-9

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record do not teach, or fairly suggest that in a method for the continuous non-thermal decomposition and pasteurization of process material the use of alternating electrodes that are spaced from one another along the opposite sides of the reactor and are also flat along the walls of the reactor where their electric filed lines do not extend normal to the direction of the flowing liquid.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MONZER R. CHORBAJI whose telephone number is (571)272-1271. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00-5:30.

6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on (571) 272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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